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WINTER SONG

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RAPHAEL THORIUS

TO

CONSTANTINE HUGEIN Knight, &c.

Know not most renowned Sir, what Phabean distempers move you to hale me thus willing unwilling, to the performance of your Poetick vows. This surely

is a force, yet I must yeild **Lawrateern **Jule**. It is but lately fince the learned **Kin/chot received from me that which now by the violence of love you strive to extort from me. Some 8 days ago I sent to him both parts of our Tabaco Hymn. Let it come forth when you please; but remember to keep the Authour harmless again the Masters of manners, to whom perhaps the sleichtness of the argument may appear ridiculous. I have in store notwithstanding things more grave and solid both Ethic and Theologic. So that if these preludiums find acceptance, I shall not refuse to put them also forth to open view, relying

on the good omen of your judgement, that whatever happens on either part may be to you imputed. In the mean while, because the Die is thrown, and the Bolt is shot, according to your request, I fend a third Piece not far different from the two former, nor much difagreeing from the feafon. It is Winter, which if it be cold, let it be pardoned for its own names fake. Let it accompany Patum or follow it as is most convenient. If it be acceptable to you, Rutgersius, Heinsius, and Kinschot, I shall congratulate, yet perhaps envy the happiness of the off-spring, which the father with so much earnestness defires. Therefore if it may be good and lucky to the Common-wealth, let our Poem fee the light, that the merry may be more merry, and the fad may find recreation. Certainly, the nature of men is strange to whom in their old age youthfull pastimes are delightfull, in greatest dangers mirth and wit are acceptable. Seeing therefore they be only fawce and not meat, I hope they may deserve pardon with men whose old age is not too severe. Farewell.

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Ste Medice decuit, sie se curasse Britanne,
Post sumos nidore frui meliore culina
Post lachrymas, avidaque irritamenta saliva.
En ego me, Thor I, convivam sisto, vel umbram,
Qualemeunque vocas; juvat intot fercula fundi,
Et faciem variare gula; juvat esse lepores
Et lepores; juvat omne tuis condire meracis,
Brumalésque dies, niveas, te judice, noctes,
Noctibus & dubias confundere solibus umbras.
Tu modo livor ades, nee prand a disce Galeni
Semper fatida, nec puta Permesside semper
Pascier, aut solo vesci nidore Poetam.
Hem! tales nec aqua pariunt, nec àdumia Brumas

CONSTANTER.



In ejusdem

HYEMEM.

Tumus habet finem, nec enim omnis nubibus istis I Discedit conviva satur, diversa palatis Diversis sapiunt; hie apponuntur amicis Brumales epula, docto fermonibus hora Falluntur, solvit, sna per convivia, frigus Thorius, & ventrem pariter cum lumine pascit. Non opus est dapibus, varvisve panatibus oret, More sue, veniam, dat condimenta palato Grata omni, novit quibus est jus aptius herbis. O utinam, Thori, vestris mihi posse daretur Collequissque frui, lautisque accumbere mensis! Nil ego contulerim tam docto sanus amico. Faller! an & mensis adsum conviva secundis, Hoc erat in votis, conuntes inter amicos Dulce mihi furere est; net enim magis ulla palate Grata datur, quam qua condita leporibus,ejca.

Lub. à Kinschot.

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OR,

A Winter Song.

Reat Bardsthat wont to haunt the springs ere-IWho now the cold hath fent into exile, (while, Or starving want doth urge to beg their meat With waiting Verse from men grown rich & great, If there be yet who live at ease and free, From this unfortunate calamitie. Whose brests are still inspir'd, hear me rehearse Far from my native foil a Frozen Verse. Fierce is the cold and our Apollo freezeth, Wanting what with the feafon sharp agreeth, Who long perhaps may rap the great mans gate, Before he will his case commiserate; Did not my fon by his own pains supply'd, To fill the lean and empty gaps provide, With bruiled Parlenips swimming all in Butter, While Apples hot before the fier sputter? And when the Winter deep with hard'ned Ice Our Cupboard poor with open war defies,

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He takes his Fathers Harp, and by the fire,

With pleasing sounds our numm'd will doth inspire. The northwind blows, the hils are white, the rivers Above the baks, day is made dark with snow, (flow, The Sun i'th' clouds doth wrap his frozen head, Hasting amain unto his Southern bed; While Luna strives to' expel the tedious night, A task too difficult for her weak light. Congealed Isicles hang on the beard, With wind the eyes do weep, the teeth are heard To chatter in the mouth, and raging cold In such sad pain the singers ends doth hold, That though hot gales the breath upon them blows, They dare not higher mount to cleanse the nose.

Boy, leave thy sliding, lest thy slippery flower
Deceive thy feet, and in an evil hower
Thy pate and crupper feel the banging force
Of an astounding fall-or which is worse,
Lest on a sudden thy disjoynted thigh
Be put to need the Surgeons Geometrie.
Cast wood upon the fire, thy loyns gird round
VVith warmer clothes, and let the tosts abound
In close array embattel'd on the Hearth;
And that there may not want t' increase our mirth,
Bring a low table to the scorching slame;
Let Colworts sirst the raging stomack tame,
That swell with copious lard or churned cream,
And smoking hot do yeild a wholesome steam;

Or else the globy Cabbage Plowmans fare ; Mustard that bites for the foul nose prepare, With Cretan wine free from the bottome dregs; Then bring well-larded Collops fri'd with Egs; Next with her belly stuffe a tender Hen, Not loosely fat, but well fed from the Pen, Which in her wob doth numerous off-fpring bear. Then fat with hungry winter let appear The royall Pheafant steaming in the platter, Or Partridge neatly dreft in wine and water. Now where's the Woodcock in whose tail doth reft More wisdome then in either brain or brest? Come boy, not yet doth the froze wine return To'its liquid substance, yet the flame doth burn About the Flagon; are we tortur'd thus With the sad pains of longing Tantalus? To hear the pot before the fier his, Yet be athirst? Patience a vertue is. But friends accuse the hard congealing frost, Say not the cause was in your pinching Host. The hair-brain'd Frenchmans constitution neither Can brook the fummers heat or winters weather: But give me Sack, for that despiseth cold, And cures the imperfections of the old, If he the noble liquor largely quaffe, Then bid thy fad friend drink, twil make him laugh. Yet too much is imperious in the brain, And like a tyrant doth command and reign. Heark F 2

Heark hither Fill-cup, seest thou not there plac'd A man with purple nose and ruby-fac'd, On his left ear his cap a to-side hanging Like one in raging wrath and fury brangling? To him more sparingly remember still The potent liquour, nor so oft, to fill.

Come friends and let the Academic dull-men Handle the thorny questions of the school-men. Let us our heavy minds from care release, For we from Heav'n enjoy this happy ease; Now ought we use those gifts which mother earth Providing for the winter hath brought forth. In vain we fpend the howers in melancholy; Enough severe Chrysippus; for the jolly Teïan aires this season better fit; Nothing more tedious then a droufie wit. Some junkets now for the fierce appetite, New warres upon the table doth excite. 'Gainst winters hunger nothing will prevail, Which makes the wolfe to howl, the dog to wail. Young men behold how the first seasons fear The following frosts, and how the fruitfull year Heaps up together all her plenteous store To fill the craving belly; thus before Old age approach, wife nature teacheth youth, That foolish pleasure vainly he pursu'th, (tain'd, Till he wealth, learning, off-fpring, honour have at-That when his fatall hower is ordain'd,

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His aged mind from cares may be releaft. A house for winter-age requireth rest; I need no blocks to heave me on a Horfe. To fit congeal'd to'his fides, as on the Gorfe Of the high Alpes, they fay, armies were frore To'th'Earth like stones, that they could march no Nor on the fea to venter is my will, (more. Though Drakes affifting fortune, or his skill Should give me promise of the wealthy spoil That Cadize fleet brings from the golden foil, Or great Ragozzi dum with a fquinance, Should write me heir to his cold inheritance.

Now the warm Stover of Westphalia. With stones and curses seeks to drive away The early travellers that mail'd in ice All means with prayers and threatnings do devife To make him leave his warm couch, oft deni'd, And the fat boss-breech steaming by his side, He having thaw'd their joynts, & warm'd their fir, Crams them again, though lazily they stir, Thick into a cart, to wander on the plain, And number the Bear stars, or Charles is wain. In this alone well skilld', elfe empty fungs In what to human ornament belongs. As much too wife the Hollander appears, Whose labours have been great for many years, Lest any one before him should be thought Into the VVeft hot Pepper to have brought; To

To the North Pole his steddy stern he guides, While rands of ice do thwack the vessels sides; And all the tedious night the ice he wounds, Endeavouring to remove great natures bounds: Thus while he hews his passage through the deep, The penetrating cold begins to creep Close to his heart, when loth to give his Corfe Unto the greedy VVhale or wild Sea-horse, He leaves the narrow ship, and coming out, Rambles the marble Ocean all about : Straight to the Coasts where lasting cold abides, Hunger him leads, not having other guides; Thus while he shuns the Hills of hardned snow, He is immur'd where he avoids to go. Now is he food for bears, bears now his food, And roafted weezels if there want not wood ; Sometimes he licks a foxes chine, and lest Toy should be absent from so great a feast, They shout when one of their companions By them made chief o'th'frozen regions, Takes off his bowle of half congealed fack. Thus they expect the Suns returning back; Among the detert Caves and fnowy Hils, Spending the long nights fore against their wils; Till Phabus thaw the far refounding fea, That they may home repass with specious plea, To shew their half ears, and their ruin'd noses, No longer fit for handkerchiefs or posies: And

And tell their hard adventures by the fire, While their friends hear and hear, and more defire, And all the time the crackling chefnuts roaft, And each man hath his cup, and each his toaft.

Who now can travell? scarcely in the town A man can walk with fafety up and down, So furious doth the North-wind swagger, The wals, unless I reel, do seem to stagger. (mild: Drink friends, with fack calm Boreas wild, For moistning showrs do make the fierce winds In a fad case is he that opes his dore, Unless the whirlwinds wings be clipt before. Hark how the stony hail doth battering fall, Let no man then before his Fates do call. Run headlong to his end; yet if there be Any compell'd by their necessitie, Let him but so long stay his hasty journy, Uutill some one can fetch the next Atturny To have his Will writ fair and feal'd with witness: And being then in fuch a ready fitness, Let him be gon; yet fince unarm'd he goes, To keep him from the thick-descending blowes, Let him this head-piece don, that in the dust Hath hung forgotten, brown with twelve years ruft. Uncertain are the gifts of Nature here, Together pleasures dwell and drouping fear; There be who for their bodies only care, For their fouls safety others do prepare.

In peace fair Britain joys, but Gallia weeps,
In civill bloud his fword the Norman steeps;
Now filent is the air, now to the ground
Vast towers tumble with a dreadfull found;
Afflicted goes the poor man to his rest,
But you whom plenty hath from cares releast,
Enjoy your fires, warm beds, and merry friends,
He fears not cold who thus the VVinter spends.

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